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MASKED PAIR GET Y FUNDS



DRIVER HURT . . . Ronald Earl McKee, 30, of 4010 Cathann St., sustained a scalp wound Wednesday evening when his station wagon collided with a vehicle parked on Hawthorne Boulevard near 226th Street about 9 p.m. McKee was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted for observation. He was released Thursday. McKee was driving south on Hawthorne when his vehicle collided with the parked vehicle. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

Sixth District Approves Vocational Center Pact

Establishment of a regional occupational skills center in Torrance was assured this past week as a sixth school district voted to join in the unique new school. Trustees of the Centinela Valley Union High School District Tuesday approved a joint powers agreement which provides for the formation and operation of the center. To be constructed on a 10-acre site at Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards, the center will provide occupational training for 11th and 12th grade students from 16 area high schools. Operations of the center will be financed by the six school districts.

SCHOOL districts participating in the joint powers

Three-Car Collision Hurts Five

Five persons sustained minor injuries Friday evening in a three-car collision on Pacific Coast Highway near Camino de las Colinas. None of the five was hospitalized. Police identified the drivers of the three vehicles as Mrs. Cynthia Ann Vincente of San Pedro, Rudolph N. Miskulin of Lomita, and Miss Jerrine Ann Hayes of 23910 Ladeene Ave. Both Miss Hayes and Miskulin told police they would seek private medical attention. Mrs. Vincente and two youngsters, Thomas Vincente, 2, and Carolyn Vincente, 2 months, were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

agreement include Torrance, Palos Verdes, El Segundo, Inglewood, Redondo Union, and Centinela Valley. Culver City, the seventh school district which was a party to the initial negotiations, has not approved the agreement. Plans are to go ahead with the center with-out Culver City at this time, according to Haig Marashlian, assistant planning director for the center. A planning staff has been working for several months to draw up plans for the center under a \$92,000 grant from the federal government. Wilbur Lorbeer is director of the project.

MARASHLIAN said superintendents from the six participating school districts will meet shortly after the first of the year to sign the joint powers agreement. A joint powers board, to include one representative from each district, will oversee the operations of the center. The board is scheduled to meet for the first time in mid-January. Preliminary plans for the center are to begin classes in some areas next fall. Purpose of the program is to provide youngsters who do not intend

Christmas In Shadows

The Christmas Story will be portrayed in shadow silhouettes in an all-church program at the Walteria Community Methodist Church to-night beginning at 7 o'clock. This will be the second year for the silhouette presentation, according to the Rev. Frank E. Knouse, pastor.

Carson Project Ending

Improvement of Carson Street between Normandie avenue and the Harbor Freeway and a section of Vermont Avenue in the vicinity of Carson street is slated for completion this week, reports Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Work consisted of providing six-lane fully curbed highways within 100-foot rights of way. Traffic signals were installed in a joint project with the State at the Harbor Freeway off-ramp and signals at the intersections of Carson with Normandie and Vermont were upgraded. Hahn pointed out this is the first step in the development of the 2.4-mile stretch of Carson street between Normandie and the San Diego Freeway. "These improvements provide for an average traffic capacity of 35,000 vehicles a day on these major roadways which serve as distributor routes for our freeways," he said. The project is part of his program to bring the safest and most modern roadways to the growing Carson area, Hahn said.

Project on Sepulveda Authorized

Improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard between Figueroa Street and Main Street in the Carson area has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Contract bids for the project will be opened Jan. 10, 1967. Plans and specifications were prepared by the County Road Department and construction is slated for completion next February.

Graduated

Hilario L. Aldape of 1425 Pacific Coast Hwy., Wilmington, was graduated Friday from a special leadership training class conducted by the Welfare Planning Council of Los Angeles.



CHRISTMAS CHEER . . . Some 70 needy families will enjoy a Christmas turkey this year because of efforts of the Narbonne High School Key Club. Key Club members spearheaded a drive to prepare Christmas baskets for the families. The baskets, which also include toys, clothing, and some special items, are valued at more than \$12,000. Making plans to deliver the baskets are (in the foreground) Bud Horn, financial representative, and Frank Iturri, president, while Dave Marks and sponsor Ray Blinn check other baskets. (Press-Herald Photo)

70 Families Get Gifts from Boys

Christmas baskets valued at more than \$12,000 were delivered Friday to 70 needy families by members of the Key Club at Narbonne High School. Delivery of the baskets climaxed a year-long project in which students at the high school and business and civic leaders throughout the area participate, according to Frank Iturri, Key Club president. Included in the baskets were turkeys and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner, toys, and clothing for the 70 families. In addition, some \$1,500 in

cash was collected during the drive to meet special needs of some families, Iturri said. Those needs may range from special diets to blankets to refrigerators, which the Key Club purchases. Narbonne students contributed more than \$1,100 in cash, in addition to thousands of dollars worth of canned foods, toys, and clothing, Iturri said. Thirty-five members of the club, working under the direction of Iturri and faculty sponsor Ray Blinn, packed the baskets and distributed them Friday.

\$1,100 Taken By Duo

Two masked gunmen escaped with more than \$1,100 in cash Friday evening after they held up a Torrance YMCA Christmas Tree Lot at Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards. Witnesses told Torrance police the two men, both in their late teens or early 20s, wore ski caps which had been pulled down over their faces. Eye holes had been cut in the caps, it was reported. Sales clerk Rita J. Carroll and two other women were forced into an office at the rear of the lot by the two gunmen, then ordered to put all the money in a paper bag. Several checks were left behind, police said. The three women were ordered to lie down on the floor and the pair ran into a field west of the lot, witnesses told police. Police said one of the men had been loitering at the lot about 15 minutes before the robbery.

New Carpet Taken From Driveway

Don Watkins had planned to put a new carpet in his home for the Christmas holidays. He started to work on the project early Friday, but was unable to finish the job. Watkins, who lives at 5007 Halison St., left the new carpet and padding in the driveway while he started to get the room ready for the new carpet. But when Watkins went outside at 10:30 a.m. to get the carpet, it was gone. Value of the carpet, he told police, was \$340.

Thief Takes Tools

Assorted tools and a tool box were taken from a garage at 20840 Wendy Drive, Mrs. Shirley Houghtaling told Torrance Police Friday. She valued the tools at \$350.



READY FOR CALLS . . . Santa Claus, furnished with telephones by members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, will take calls for Torrance area youngsters on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Seven lines on two numbers will give kids a good chance to pass on their lists straight to headquarters, the Jaycees report. The phones are on 775-6052 and 320-6051.

Tools Worth \$900 Taken By Burglars

Small precision tools and typewriter were taken from a machine shop at 1845 Torrance Blvd. Thursday evening or Friday morning, police have been told. The burglars removed the tools from a window and then forced the window open to gain entry to the building, police said. Joseph Donan told police the value of the stolen items was more than \$900.

Burglar Takes Transmission

A four-speed transmission was removed from his late-model car Thursday evening, Bill R. Stephens, 21, told police Friday. Stephens said his car was parked in the carport of his apartment residence, at 20907 Amie Ave.

Beach Purchase Recommended

Purchase of 2,400 feet of privately owned beach front in Torrance has been recommended by the Torrance Recreation Commission. The group voted unanimously this week to endorse a state proposal to purchase the Riviera frontage between Calle De Sirenos and the Palos Verdes Estates boundary line.

Census to Be Sought

Torrance councilmen will be asked to order a special census for early 1967 when they convene Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The census is needed, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, to make the city eligible for increases in state funds paid to cities on a population basis and to provide data for the city's general plan.

Bond Sale on Agenda

Sale of the first increment of the \$9 million school bond issue approved by voters at the Nov. 8 election will be considered by the Torrance Board of Education tomorrow. Frank L. Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business, will recommend that \$1 million in bonds be sold Jan. 24, 1967, to provide funds for payments which will be due on two elementary schools now under construction and to finance several new projects. Trustees will convene at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.